

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 34-44 and 48-58 are active in this application. The claims have been amended for clarity. No new matter is added by these amendments.

The rejection of Claims 45-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is obviated by the cancellation of these claims. The objection and rejection under § 112, second paragraph of Claims 35, 45 and 48 are addressed by amendment.

A substitute abstract is provided as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing the present case with the Applicants' undersigned representative. During this discussion, the amendments submitted herein were discussed in view of placing the application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Jean-Paul Lavalleye, Ph.D.
Registration No. 31,451

Daniel J. Pereira, Ph.D.
Registration No. 45,518

Customer Number
22850